

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 8-18 are pending in the present application. Claim 4 has been amended herein to depend on claim 1. Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled herein.

I. FORMAL MATTERS

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 10-13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's acknowledgement of the claim to priority and indication that the certified copies of the priority documents have been received by the International Bureau.

The Office Action does **not** indicate whether the drawings filed on March 8, 2001 are acceptable. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to do so.

II. PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claim 1-4, 8, 9 and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,786,814 (Moran). Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled herein. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot. With respect to claims 1-4, 8, 9 and 14-18, this rejection is traversed.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended herein to conform to the corresponding European Application, which has issued. Therefore, Applicant submits that the claims of the present invention are also patentable.

A motion picture data body includes a plurality of packets which are arranged in temporal order and respectively have time management information and motion picture data. Therefore, this data structure is suitable for streaming without editing. However, when the motion picture data body is edited to extract parts of them for playback, continuous playback of the parts cannot be achieved only based on the time management information.

Therefore, in the present invention, the edit information includes information which is used for managing the specified playback range and the playback time corresponding to each of the playback range. Also, the edit information is appended to an area other than the motion picture data body after editing the motion picture.

The present invention further includes the playback time adjustment part which adjusts the playback start time for each of the playback range based on both the time management information and the edit information. Due to the playback time adjustment, the motion picture data of the specified range in the motion picture file is outputted at the specified time. Therefore, even separate parts of the motion picture data body can be output continuously.

These features are not taught or suggested by Moran. Therefore, Applicant submits that Moran does not teach or suggest each and every feature of claims 1-4 and 8-18. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) is overcome.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Applicant argued that the information for managing the specified playback range and playback time of the claimed invention is distinguishable over the Events of Moran because the information claimed can only manage moving picture data, while the Events of Moran may correspond to various media types including video (see top of page 4 of the Office Action dated November 17, 2003). The Examiner has misunderstood Applicants' argument. Applicant argued that the claimed invention is distinguishable over Moran because the "events" of Moran are substantially different than the "information for

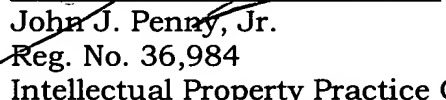
managing the specified playback range and playback time" of the present claimed invention. Specifically, Applicant argued that in the events of Moran, the type of the event must be specified and the events of Moran represent an actual occurrence recorded by a capture device.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension which is attached to this Amendment. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is included in this submission for the payment of a one-month extension fee. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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